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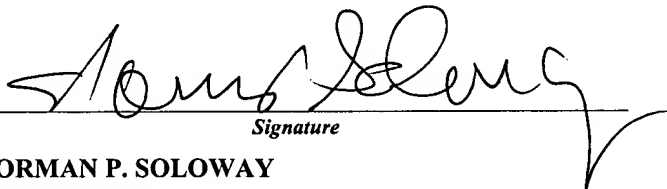
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PRIOR ART DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office Form PTOL-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein, and copies of the International Search Report, Preliminary Examination Report and Written Opinion received in connection with a Novelty Search of Applicant's corresponding PCT application. The '974, '103 and '672 references are discussed in the specification. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over all of the references.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designed in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits copies of the International Search Report, Preliminary Examination Report and Written

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Opinion issued by the examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a PCT patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the examiner or the claims of the PCT application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the examiner's comments submitted therewith.

This prior art disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitute prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

The enclosed Prior Art Statement is being submitted within three months of filing the U.S. application and receipt of the Preliminary Examination Report, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, we believe there are no fees involved with this prior art disclosure statement. However, in the event there are any fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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